

APRIL 20, 2015 7:00 P.M.
JONES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
JONES COUNTY OFFICE COMPLEX – COMMISSIONERS’ ROOM
MINUTES

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Sondra Ipock-Riggs, Chairperson
Joseph Wiggins, Vice-Chairman
Michael Haddock, Commissioner
Frank Emory, Commissioner
Zack Koonce, Commissioner

OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Franky J. Howard, County Manager
Angelica Hall, Clerk

The Chairperson called the meeting to order. Commissioner Frank Emory gave the invocation.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Zack Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Frank Emory, and unanimously carried **THAT** the agenda be **APPROVED** as presented.

MOTION made by Commissioner Frank Emory, seconded by Commissioner Zack Koonce, and unanimously carried **THAT** the minutes of April 6, 2015 Regular Session Meeting and April 6, 2015 Closed Session Minutes be **APPROVED**.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Freelen Fraley represented residents of the Hughes Plantation area, he addressed the Board concerning rumors that the area would be removed from the county water system and added to Pollocksville's water system. Mr. Fraley expressed his concerns to the Board and made it very clear that the Hughes Plantation area did not want to be removed from the county water system. The Board informed Mr. Fraley that they did meet with the Town of Pollocksville's Board but no decisions had been made to remove them from the county water system. The Board made it clear that everything would be done in writing and no changes would be made prior to the Attorney reviewing all documentation and notification being sent to the residents of Hughes Plantation area.

1. BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Meeting resumed from April 6, 2015. Mr. Sam Croom came before the Board of E&R and requested approval of a Present-use late application based on G.S. 105-277.4(a1). Mr. Croom explained to the Board that Gary Strawbridge nor Kristi Strawbridge were aware of the deadline for applications. **MOTION** made by Commissioner Zack Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Frank Emory and unanimously carried **THAT** the Present-use late application be **APPROVED** as presented. Mr. Croom informed the Board of an incorrect tax value estimate for the property owned by First Citizen Bank. The tax value was estimated to be well over \$800,000 however, after an appraisal of the property it has been found to be much less than the tax value. Mr. Croom informed the Board of the new estimate which was provided by an the appraisal company; the estimated amount is \$515, 000, \$8.00 per sq ft. **MOTION** made by Commissioner Joseph Wiggins, seconded by Commissioner Frank Emory and unanimously carried **THAT** the new figure in the amount of \$515, 000 be **APPROVED**

as presented. **MOTION** made by Commissioner Frank Emory, seconded by Commissioner Zack Koonce, and unanimously carried **THAT** the meeting be **ADJOURNED**.

2. JCPC FUNDING

Ms. Eileen Dove presented the Board with the new JCPC Funding application for FY 2015-2016 for approval. **MOTION** made by Commissioner Zack Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Frank Emory and unanimously carried **THAT** JCPC Funding application for FY 2015-2016 be **APPROVED** as presented.

3. NC DOT REQUEST TO RELOCATE 3 GRAVES

Mr. Howard presented the Board with a resolution that would allow three graves to be relocated to Greenleaf Memorial in New Bern, due to the new location of US 17 By-pass. **MOTION** made by Commissioner Joseph Wiggins, seconded by Commissioner Mike Haddock and unanimously carried **THAT** the resolution be **APPROVED** as presented. A copy of the resolution which is marked **EXHIBIT A** and hereby incorporated and made a part of the minutes.

4. SUNDAY HUNTING/SENATE BILL 658

Mr. Franky Howard presented the Board with a resolution to oppose Senate Bill 658 which would expand the allowed hunting days to 7 days per week. **MOTION** made by Commissioner Joseph Wiggins, seconded by Commissioner Mike Haddock and unanimously carried **THAT** the resolution be **APPROVED** to oppose Senate Bill 658 Sunday Hunting. A copy of the resolution which is marked **EXHIBIT B** and hereby incorporated and made a part of the minutes.

5. BUDGET AMENDMENT #16

MOTION made by Commissioner Mike Haddock, seconded by Commissioner Joseph Wiggins and unanimously carried **THAT** Budget Amendment #16 be **APPROVED**. A copy which is marked **EXHIBIT C** and is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes.

6. TAX REFUNDS

Mr. Franky Howard presented the Board with a Tax Refund request. **MOTION** made by Commissioner Joseph Wiggins, seconded by Commissioner Frank Emory and unanimously carried **THAT** the tax refund be approved as presented.

7. TRENTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REQUEST

MOTION made by Commissioner Mike Haddock, seconded by Commissioner Frank Emory and unanimously carried **THAT** resolution be **APPROVED** as presented. A copy of the resolution which is marked **EXHIBIT D** and hereby incorporated and made a part of the minutes.

8. TAX COLLECTIONS REPORT

Mr. Franky Howard presented the Board with the Tax Collection Report for March 2015. This is informational only no action needed by the Board.

9. CDBG QUARTERLY REPORT

Mr. Franky Howard presented the Board with a CDBG report on open projects. This is informational only no action needed by the Board.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

There were no reports from Mr. Howard.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

Commissioner Frank Emory requested a letter be sent to the RPO Board about widening White Oak River Road.

Commissioner Mike Haddock requested a letter be drafted and have all five commissioners sign expressing their support of the FSA coming back to Jones County and remaining in the County.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Matthew Brinkley asked about a building or business that was mentioned during the meeting and wanted to know what type of business would be put in the building. The Board informed Mr. Brinkley that the building is empty and there were no plans for a business to occupy the building.

Mr. E.J. Collins inquired about money that was to go back to Economic Development in the amount of \$79,000. The Board explained to Mr. Collins that the money was received and put back around 6 months ago.

MOTION made by Commissioner Joseph Wiggins, seconded by Commissioner Frank Emory, and unanimously carried **THAT** the meeting be **ADJOURNED** at 7:45 pm.

Sondra Ipock-Riggs
Chairperson

Angelica Hall
Clerk to the Board

EXHIBIT A

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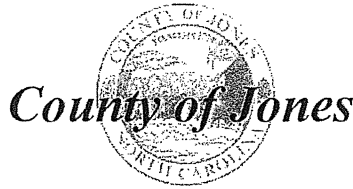
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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO RELOCATE GRAVES FROM COLLINS FAMILY CEMETERY ON WHITE OAK RIVER ROAD

WHEREAS, a private cemetery, known as the Collins Family Cemetery, is located adjacent to White Oak River Road in Jones County, North Carolina;

WHEREAS, three grave sites within the cemetery are located within the right-of-way of US 17 By-Pass, near White Oak River Road;

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute §65-106(a)(1) allows for the disinterment, removal, and re-interment of graves by any agency of the State of North Carolina after certifying to the Board of County Commissioners that such removal is reasonably necessary to perform the agency's governmental functions and the duties delegated to it by law;

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation has concluded that the disinterment of three graves from the Collins Family Cemetery is necessary to allow for the US 17 By-Pass;

WHEREAS, North Carolina Department of Transportation has notified all of the next of kin of the disinterment, removal, and re-interment of graves from the cemetery, as required by North Carolina General Statute §65-106(b), and that all next of kin have consented to the disinterment, removal, and re-interment of the graves;

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute §65-106(g) states that all disinterment, removal, and re-interment under §65-106 shall be made under the supervision and direction of the Board of County Commissioners;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Carolina Department of Transportation is hereby authorized to disinter, remove, and re-inter three graves from the Collins Family Cemetery, as necessary to facilitate the US 17 By-Pass, subject to all statutory and administrative requirements.

ADOPTED, this 20th day of April, 2015, in Jones County, North Carolina.

ATTEST:

Angelica K. Hall
Clerk to the Board

Sondra Ipock Riggs
Chairperson of County Commissioners

EXHIBIT B

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Resolution in Opposition of Sunday Hunting

WHEREAS, Sunday is a day of rest and a religious "holy" day, or day set apart, for many of our residents; and,

WHEREAS, Sunday is a family day for many of our resident families; and,

WHEREAS, our local culture has a history of honoring and valuing The Ten Commandments and the specific commandment to remember the Sabbath and keep it holy, or set apart; and,

WHEREAS, we have many outdoor enthusiasts who compete with hunters for time in the woods and outdoor areas, including, but not limited to, hikers, campers, runners, cyclists, equestrians, bird watchers, and photographers; and,


WHEREAS, Sunday is the one day of the week during hunting season when non-hunters can safely enjoy the woods and outdoor areas used by hunters on the other six days of the week; and,

WHEREAS, with loss of farms and open spaces, outdoor areas are increasing valuable and sought after by all our citizens, and it is reasonable to balance access to the woods and outdoor areas.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Jones County Board of Commissioners opposes hunting on Sunday and the legalization of any gun hunting activities on Sunday, and urges the NC General Assembly to defeat any bills proposing gun hunting on Sunday.

ADOPTED, this the 20th day of April, 2015, in Jones County, North Carolina.

ATTEST:


Angelica K. Hall
Clerk to the Board


Sondra Ipock Riggs
Chairperson of County Commissioners

Budget Amendment

Exhibit C

Date: 4/20/2015

Fund: 28 - 2011 Catalyst

Fiscal Year: 2014-2015


Amendment #16

Decrease Expenditure

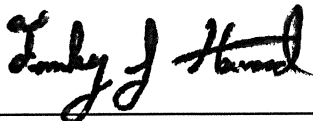
2011 Catalyst	Clearance	288162 591203	(11,500.00)
2011 Catalyst	Water Improvement	288162 591206	(2,700.00)
2011 Catalyst	Road Improvement	288162 591207	(2,300.00)
2011 Catalyst	C-1 Flood Drainage Improvement	288162 591212	(7,000.00)
TOTAL			(23,500.00)

Increase Expenditure

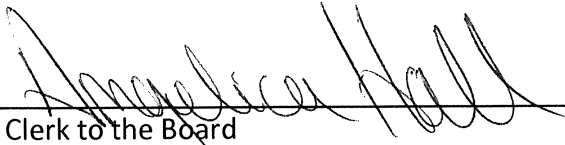
2011 Catalyst	Reconstruction	288162 591224	14,500.00
2011 Catalyst	Rehabilitation	288162 591204	9,000.00
Total			23,500.00



Chairman



County Manager



Clerk to the Board



Finance Officer

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Street	Flood and Drainage		Pedestrian		Water		Rehab - Road		Rehab - Temp		C-1 TOTAL
	Improve	Drainage	Improve	Clearance	Dwellings	Reconstr.	Clearance	Temp	Relo	Admin	
\$ 135,000	\$ 27,000		\$ 28,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 80,000	\$ 134,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 500,000	
\$ 145,000	\$ 27,000		\$ 28,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 80,000	\$ 134,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 500,000	
\$ 142,700	\$ 20,000		\$ 25,300	\$ 1,000	\$ 89,000	\$ 153,500	\$ 17,500	\$ 1,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 500,000	
\$ 7,997.15	\$ 1,424.15		\$ 1,533.70		\$ 21,010.00	\$ 47,076.24	\$ 3,650.00		\$ 18,616.72	\$ 101,307.96	
							2,285.00			2,285.00	
\$ 7,997.15	\$ 1,424.15		\$ 1,533.70		\$ 21,010.00	\$ 47,076.24	\$ 5,935.00		\$ 19,304.32	\$ 104,280.56	
4,128.15										25,197.00	
10,786.62							25,197.00			25,105.00	
4,108.79	735.15						4,352.00			4,352.00	
										5,200.00	
\$ 7,997.15	\$ 1,424.15		\$ 1,533.70		\$ 21,010.00	\$ 97,378.24	\$ 10,287.00		\$ 24,504.32	\$ 184,134.56	
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\$ 27,000.71	\$ 2,159.30		\$ 2,325.40		\$ 21,010.00	\$ 97,378.24	\$ 10,287.00		\$ 26,904.32	\$ 187,064.97	
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\$ 28,457.62	\$ 2,159.30		\$ 2,325.40		\$ 21,010.00	\$ 101,278.24	\$ 17,187.00		\$ 28,104.32	\$ 200,521.88	
6,000.00										1,200.00	
\$ 34,457.62	\$ 2,159.30		\$ 2,325.40		\$ 21,010.00	\$ 103,625.49	\$ 17,187.00		\$ 28,504.85	\$ 209,269.66	
					207.25					207.25	
										21,693.00	
										21,785.00	
										4,800.00	
\$ 34,457.62	\$ 2,159.30		\$ 2,325.40		\$ 21,217.25	\$ 147,103.49	\$ 17,187.00		\$ 33,304.85	\$ 257,754.91	
										1,283.00	
										2,850.00	
										3,500.00	
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										1,000.00	
\$ 36,402.39	\$ 2,353.81		\$ 2,575.49		\$ 21,217.25	\$ 153,453.49	\$ 17,187.00	\$ -	\$ 35,787.85	\$ 288,977.28	
										359.52	
										283.23	
										10,285.00	
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\$ 36,402.39	\$ 2,353.81		\$ 2,575.49		\$ 33,531.45	\$ 153,453.49	\$ 17,187.00	\$ 642.75	\$ 37,947.85	\$ 284,094.23	

Clearance

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EXHIBIT D

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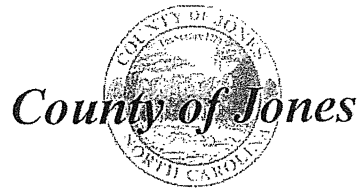
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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS Jones County is raising funds to facilitate in the purchase of a new fire engine for the Trenton Volunteer Fire Department, TVFD; and

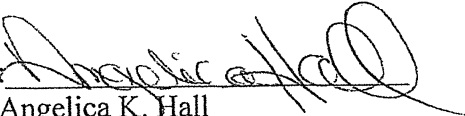
WHEREAS Jones County has been made aware of certain interest-free economic development funding available through Jones-Onslow EMC and the potential for additional funding through the USDA REDLG program; and

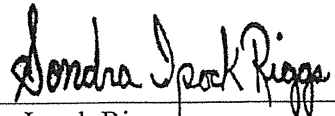
WHEREAS, Jones-Onslow EMC has offered to make available up to \$290,000 in interest-free loan funding to assist in the purchase of the new fire engine in return for adequate security for repayment of the \$290,000 loan amount.

NOW, THEREFORE, The Jones County Board of Commissioners hereby resolves as follows:

1. That Jones County request a loan for \$290,000 from Jones-Onslow EMC pursuant to the USDA REDLG program; and Jones Onslow's Economic Development Fund
2. That Jones County agrees to repay the loan in the increments and over the time periods requested by Jones-Onslow EMC in order to meet Jones-Onslow EMC's obligation to repay the loan amount to USDA (and/or through the USDA REDLG program)
3. That Jones County will offer and pledge such security in its assets, including equipment and machinery, as may be necessary to secure the entire loan amount of \$290,000.
4. That the Board of Commissioners be, and they are hereby, authorized and directed to execute, on behalf of the Board of Commissioners, such loan agreements, promissory notes, Deeds of Trust, financing statements, pledges and other security instruments as may be requested or required by Jones-Onslow EMC in order to carry out the foregoing resolutions.
5. That approval of this resolution is dependent upon approval by the Local Government Commission, and is also dependent upon the County and the TVFD entering into an agreement whereby TVFD shall reimburse County for all payments required of County to Jones-Onslow EMC hereunder.

ADOPTED, this the 20th day of April, 2015, in Jones County, North Carolina.

ATTEST: 
Angelica K. Hall
Clerk to the Board


Sondra Ipock Riggs
Chairperson of County Commissioners